



DEPUTY MAYOR TONI ATKINS
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a meeting on October 19, 2005 hosted by Community and Economic Development located at 600B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Members present: Luis Avila, Dr. Martha Dennis, Charles Holland, Kristopher Lichter, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Tyler Orion, and Craig Roberts. Members absent: Craig Andrews, Dr. Hui Cai, Daniel Chang, Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, Dr. Tom Dillon, Marc Nemer, Carrie Stone, Maurice Wilson and Julie Meier Wright. Community & Economic Development Department staff members: Toni Dillon, Tina Hines, and Jeff Kavar.
- II. **SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**
 - A. **Airport Site Selection Program:** Mr. Joe Craver, Chairman of the board for, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, stated that the San Diego International Airport is the only major U.S. commercial service airport that operates with a single runway. Lindberg Field currently handles more than 16 million passengers, and roughly 200,000 arrivals and departures a year. Lindberg Field will be unable to meet the region's air transportation demands as early as 2015. This dilemma has prompted the need to locate a site for a new airport. The new airport site must consist of 3,500 acres of greenbelt, be 10,500 feet long, and have room for two runways a mile a part.

In addition, Mr. Craver stated that originally thirty-five sites with various scenarios were to be considered for the location of a new airport. However, site selection has now been narrowed down to the following civilian sites: 1) Borrego Springs Area; 2) Campo Area; 3) Imperial County Desert Site. Additionally, the following military sites could be examined for joint use after the completion of the BRAC process: 1) March ARB; 2) MCB Camp Pendleton; 3) MCAS Miramar; 3) East Miramar; 4) NAS North Island.

Mr. Craver noted the following criteria will be used to eliminate or retain potential sites for further study: 1) greenbelt space; 2) expandability; 3) unobstructed approaches; 4) site development; 5) infrastructure. He stated that the Airport Authority has been mandated by state law to submit an airport site recommendation for a countywide vote in November 2006.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** September 7, 2005
(MOTION/Roberts/Naughton/UNANIMOUS)

- V. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAFF UPDATE: Due to time constraints, this item was combined with item VI.
- VI REORGANIZATION OPTIONS FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Toni Dillon referred the Commission members to the information provided for the *October 27, 2005, Public Outreach Meeting* entitled *Reorganization Options for the City of San Diego's Redevelopment Division*. Dillon summarized the three organizational options under consideration for the City's Redevelopment Division as: 1) the enhancement of the existing Redevelopment Division structure; 2) the creation of an independent non-profit agency; 3) the Redevelopment Division becoming a part of the Housing Commission.

Dillon stated that currently, the Community and Economic Development (C&ED) Department is composed of three distinct divisions. These divisions are the Redevelopment, Economic Development and Community Services Divisions. She continued, at the request of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee the C&ED Department is presenting to community organizations, City commissions and advisory boards to gather input on the future of the Community Services and Economic Development Divisions if the Redevelopment Division becomes an independent entity.

Dillon presented the following alternatives for consideration for the Economic Development and Community Services Divisions' organizational structures as : 1) the Economic Development and Community Services Divisions becoming a part of the independent nonprofit agency with the Redevelopment Division; 2) the Economic Development and Community Services Divisions becoming a part of the Mayor's Office; 3) the Economic Development and Community Services Divisions becoming a part of a regulatory department, such as the Planning or Development Services Departments; 4) the Economic Development and Community Service Divisions becoming an independent line department.

In response to the presentation of these alternatives, Dr. Martha Dennis stated that in order for the Commission to provide useful feedback, a discussion of the pros and cons of each organizational presented for both division would need examined and suggested that the Community and Economic Development Department study each and provide more information. Dr. Gail Naughton suggested that models from other cities that are successful at redevelopment could be examined. Ms. Tyler Orion opined that redevelopment is a tool of economic development and a good example of this strategy for community revitalization, locally, is the Southeastern Development Corporation (SEDC). Another example cited was the city of San Jose. Ms. Orion noted that in San Jose economic development serves as the catalyst that kindles San Jose's redevelopment activities. She suggested the Redevelopment Division examine this model.

Ms. Orion stated that if the Economic Development Division leaves the city structure, the technology community loses a partner that understands the City's bureaucracy. Additionally, Dr. Dennis affirmed that the Economic Development Division should not be absorbed by a regulatory department, because it would lose its ability to negotiate with senior management of the regulatory department. Mr. Craig Roberts stated that it would

not be favorable for the Economic Development Division to become a part of the Mayor's office because these functions then would be impacted by political agendas. Mr. Roberts suggested that the Economic Development Division should become a part of an independent line department.

The consensus of the Commission was that the Economic Development Division could better serve the science and technology sector within an independent line department organizational structure. Dr. Dennis suggested that the Commission's commentary should be summarized into a statement. This statement would be read at the Redevelopment Division's public outreach meeting scheduled for October 27th or submitted in written form to become part of the Official Public Record. Dr. Naughton volunteered to represent the Commission's consensus at the public outreach meeting if a written statement could not be included as part of the record.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE: No new information was disseminated.

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next meeting will be December 7, 2005 from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of the Commission; this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.